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1. U.S. POSITION ON AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING (AIL) SYSTEMS IS THAT THEY ARE UNNECESSARY AND SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSS THEIR USE FOR SAFEGUARDS RELATED PURPOSES (TPSC 77-84).

2. RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH EC (REFTEL A) INCLUDED REFERENCE TO EC APPRECIATION OF OUR EFFORTS WITH REGARD TO THE LICENSING CODES AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT QUOTE EC MAY BE WILLING TO COME ALONG ON THIS ISSUE BUT ONLY AT THE LAST

MOMENT UNQUOTE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MTN DEL CAN SUPPLY ON THE EC POSITION. IN PARTICULAR, WHAT DOES EC MEAN BY QUOTE COME ALONG ON THIS ISSUE UNQUOTE. AS MTN DEL REQUESTED, WE ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF PREPARING DETAILED U.S. POSITION ON AIL (REFTEL B).

- 3. U.S. DEL SHOULD ASK EC WHETHER IT CAN BEGIN INFORMAL BILATERAL CONTACTS ON THE LICENSING CODES. BEGIN FYI. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MTN DEL HAS HAD INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH EC ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT EC DOES NOT WANT TO DISCUSS LICENSING CODES IN A PUBLIC FORUM AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE, INFORMAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ARE SUGGESTED. END FYI.
- 4. IF DISCUSSIONS WITH EC AND OTHER DELS INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO HOLD INFORMAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, PERHAPS THESE CONSULTATIONS COULD BE HELD AROUND THE TIME OF THE NEXT STANDARDS CODE MEETING WHEN WASHINGTON PERSONNEL CONCERNED WITH THIS QUESTION WILL BE IN GENEVA. VANCE

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